

A - Level Product Design

Larkmead School Transition Work

Product Design A-Level will be made up of a portfolio of design work, with a practical solution to solve a need, alongside a written examination. The weighting of the two components is a 50:50 split.

We will be completing a practice piece of coursework in preparation throughout Year 12. You will need to carry out research to solve a need. As a result, it is vital that you complete the transition work.

Transition Task

- Find your client - this needs to be a real person that you will have access to throughout the coursework project, such as a family member. You will need to design a small product for them, so you will need to discuss with them, some potential issues/needs they might have and how you could solve these with a new product.
- Find an existing product for disassembly - you will need to obtain an existing product that you can take apart and photograph. This will make up part of your practical investigation research. It is vital that you have photographs of the product and disassembly stages. Make sure you include, materials that are used, how it is assembled / manufactured, any ergonomic features such as handles etc. You will need to bring these photographs with you saved on a memory stick or emailed to your school account ready for when we return in September.
- Initial design work - start creating some initial designs and discuss these with your client. Ask them which they like best and why. Discuss materials, sizes, costs etc.

Remember to document the above to bring with you in September.

Specification for the course: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/>